

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**February 8, 2022**  
**64697 Cook Avenue**  
**Bend, Oregon 97703**

BOARD: Ron Cochran, Steve Putnam, Carol Shull, Martin Warbington  
STAFF: Chris Schull, April Harris Spath  
GUESTS: Greg Mohnen, Todd Peplin, Bendt Broderson, John Kailey

Chairman Cochran called the regular board meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. and appointed April Harris Spath scribe.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ANNOUNCEMENT**

At 10:02 a.m. the Board recessed the regular session and entered executive session per:

- ORS 192.660(2)(f): To consider information or records that are exempt from disclosure by law, including written advice from your attorney.
- ORS 192.660(2)(h): To consult with your attorney regarding your legal rights and duties in regard to current litigation or litigation that is more likely than not to be filed.

**RECONVENE**

Following the executive session, the regular session was reconvened at 11:35 a.m.

**APPROVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 2022 BOARD MEETING**

Director Warbington made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 2022 board meeting. Director Shull seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**WATER SUPPLY REPORT**

Manager Schull reviewed the current water supply report and attached graphs, which indicated that Crescent Lake was down to 8,177-acre feet and 9% full.

**WATER START DATE**

Manager Schull proposed April 18, 2022 as a start date for the 2022 irrigation season. He explained that starting later would not extend the season, as the water that we use in the beginning of the season is live flow from Tumalo Creek. There is a strong possibility that we are not going to gain enough in Crescent Lake this year to be able to do a week on, week off rotation like last year. If the storage levels in Crescent Lake allow it, he is thinking about the possibility of a one week on, two weeks off rotation once the available water in Tumalo Creek runs out. That usually occurs at the end of June. Schull also proposed sending a survey out to all patrons to get their input on what type of rotation they would prefer. The Board agreed that April 18<sup>th</sup> would be the start date.

**STEIDL DAM UPDATE**

The process of installing the three new slide gates on Steidl Dam is going well and will be completed by April 1, 2022.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Todd Peplin, Programs Lead with the Deschutes Soil and Water Conservation District, stated that the program that assists with the cost for water users to upgrade their irrigation systems from flood irrigation to sprinklers will be ending on February 11, 2022. He discussed other programs that are available to water users that help with on-farm efficiency water conservation improvements.

**MOTION TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 2022 VOUCHER LIST**

Director Putnam made a motion to approve the February 2022 voucher list. Director Warbington seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

The date of the next board meeting was set for March 8, 2022.

**ADJOURN**

Director Putnam made a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting at 12:30 p.m. Director Warbington seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.